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Chemical spill causes U. S. 68 traffic detour

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
CASWELL CORNER It is believed the driver of a semi tractor trailer fell asleep at the wheel causing the semi to overturn. It was carrying a potentially dangerous substance. The accident happened at about 12:10 a.m. Tuesday on U.S. 68 about a mile from Carlisle. He won't tell you that but I will. I've seen enough wrecks like that to know his truck went straight through that curve, stated Kentucky State Police Trooper Brett Kirkland. Kirkland was the first law enforcement at the accident scene. According to Gene Kelley, Carlisle Disaster Emergency Service Director, and Mark Hughes, Nicholas County Fire Chief and DES Coordinator, the semi accident caused difficulties close U.S. 68 for more than 20 hours Tuesday. The local cleanup crew had to vacuum 48,000 pounds of powdered zinc from the wreckage. The driver, Gregory Ashman, 25, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was not charged, confirmed Kirkland. Ashman



Potentially dangerous pill

An semi carrying powdered zinc to Tennessee made it as far as Caswell's Corner, a mile from Carlisle Tuesday. Shortly after midnight the driver lost control of the semi. KSP Trooper Brett Kirkland said the driver probably fell asleep. Local DES personnel said the zinc could explode if wet or if ignited by flame. It was considered safe if handled correctly.

Attorney denies conspiracy Urges Everly to keep position

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The attorney for Nicholas County Superintendent Randy

Everly doesn't feel there's a conspiracy at work concerning his client being charged by the board of education. I think conspiracy is certainly too strong of a word, but I do think his civil rights have

Restoration begins at county courthouse

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
History began Tuesday at Nicholas County Courthouse as scaffolding went up at the front entrance. The \$525,503 restoration project began with General Restoration of Columbus, Ohio, driving equipment on the lawn and tying off sections shortly after lunch. Magistrates and County Judge Executive Chuck Smith approved General Restoration at a special called meeting held Wednesday, July 2. Magistrates include Darrel Stacy, Danny Hughes, Melvin Poyman, Juanita Smith and Avery Thurnwald. General Restoration was one of three bids and was the lowest, confirmed the judge. The bid was \$480,000 with a five percent contingency added and an ar-



**MEGAN METCALFE
QUEEN**

Blackberry Festival a success; royalty named

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Once again winners were mom and dad take them to the



**TAMARA TIPTON
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chieftess fee of \$21,825 for a total cost of \$525,503. The Administrative Office of the County will pick up 52.4 percent of the tab. Fiscal Court will pay the other portion within the next several years through the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust (KACOLT). We had Paper (an architect with Lyle & Associates, Lexington) check the references for General Restoration and had the called meeting to approve them. Smith said Tuesday morning. The other bids were from Olentangy Restoration of Marion for \$557,700, and the Hayden Company of Nicholasville, Ky., for \$752,872. Olentangy put on the new courthouse roof. The AOC also foot the bill for 52.4 percent of

Blackberry Festival was a success. The winners were announced. Southern Exposure The band that played during last week's Blackberry Festival was Southern Exposure. It was incorrectly reported in the July 3 edition that Southern Comfort played. Southern Exposure is a Flemingsburg-based band with Carlisle ties. Members include Darrel Marshall on lead guitar and his brother, Randy Marshall, singer and rhythm guitar. Don Farand, bass/guitar; Pouch Dawson, drummer; or Rigger, Ohio. Carlisle's Edgar Stone played the fiddle. The Carlisle Mercury apologizes to Southern Exposure.



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Students of the Week

Brian Anderson, Elizabeth Mathes, Christy Emmons and Tamara Sturgeon were selected as this week's Students of the Week. All Nicholas County High School students, they were selected by high school cooks Ms. Clemons, Ms. Weidle, Ms. McCall and Ms. Tupin for always being friendly, mannerly and courteous. High School Principal Greg Reid described the students: "Brian is a good kid. He's always hard working and brightens the environment. Elizabeth is quiet, just a good kid who works hard. Christy is another pretty good kid, the type you never see in the principals' office." Transportation Director Rob Lane described Tamara. "She's a fine young lady."

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.

-In Brief-

Kingsolver reception

A reception for Barbara Kingsolver will be held at the Nicholas County Library Friday, July 11, 3 p.m. till 2 p.m. The reception will be open to the public.

Old jail luncheon

Make your reservation now for Thursday's noon luncheon at The Old Jail, Main Street, Carlisle. Tearton, Inc. Co-Chairperson Gladys Shrout said reservations are required and to please call 283-7752 or 283-5174.

Courthouse door

Due to the restoration project underway at the Nicholas County Courthouse, the front entrance is no longer available for use.

The side door on the Locust Street side will remain open and will be the rear door on the Chestnut side of the courthouse said Dana Price, secretary to County Judge Executive Chuck Smith.

Pet Show winners

Pet Show winners at the 1997 Blackberry Festival included: Kyle Harmon's Sarah, Grand Champion of the Show; dog with longest hair, and prettiest of pets.

Karen Kelly's Chelsea, blue ribbon for best truck; Laura and Ashley Bryant's Oliver, blue ribbon, best costume.

Cystal Moore's Sparky, blue ribbon for shortest hair; Danielle Sampley's Harley Davidson, that is, blue ribbon, smallest and best; Ashley Stiller Sky, blue ribbon, largest pet.

Sally Watkins' Miss Linn, blue ribbon, most different; Miss Linn was the only applicant who wasn't a dog.

First, second and third place winners were announced.

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